

SUBJECT No. 133.

Exemption of non-agriculturists from mohatarfa tax.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The non-agricultural classes, who earn their livelihood by cooly, may be exempted from the payment of the mohatarfa tax.

Reply of Government.—Recorded. Rules provide for this already in special cases.

SUBJECT No. 134.

Assessment on lands acquired for public purposes.

Mr. S. Sitaramiah, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—When lands are acquired under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Regulation, for public purposes such as the formation of new roads and extensions, the assessment on the area acquired is allowed to remain as it was for years together and steps are not taken to have it written off the accounts early. Ignorant people are thus made to pay the assessment on lands already acquired. Orders may be passed empowering the awarding officer to order the reduction of assessment on the area acquired at the time of passing the award.

Mr. H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk. In Polenahalli jodi village, lands were acquired on account of the Mavatur tank ten years ago and no compensation is paid.

Reply of Government.—As soon as the land is acquired, the Revenue Commissioner has been authorized to write off the assessment. No assessment is demanded on the portion acquired after acquisition and the party concerned is also justified in withholding payment. If there have been any cases in which assessment has been demanded after acquisition, such cases may be brought to notice separately.

SUBJECT No. 135.

Reduction of fees for authenticating entries in khates.

Mr. A. Ramanna, Yedatore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that only a half rupee stamp be ordered to be taken for each *khate* for authenticating the entries of payment of several years' *kandayam* in the *khirdi*. During each year there are usually three or four payments and if certificates of payment for a number of years is necessary, a heavy stamp duty has to be paid for authenticating the extracts. By reference to the *khate*, it is easy to ascertain the various dates of payment and find out the entries, which do not contain more than a few words. At least extracts of entries for six years may be given on a single stamp.

Reply of Government.—Extracts from more than one *khirdi* cannot be given. The question of giving extracts of entries from a single *khate* for a single half rupee stamp will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 136.

More gomal lands for villages.

Mr. H. Mahalinganna, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—During Survey and Settlement 30 years ago, gomal lands were set apart for each village in consideration of the cattle then existing. Consequent on the prosperous seasons since, there has been a large increase of cattle. Moreover, portions of gomal

lands have also been given out for cultivation. The result is that in many villages gomal lands are quite inadequate. Pray therefore that in such cases the necessary extent of land out of the State Forest or the Amrut Mahal kaval, whichever may be near, may be added on as a gomal land to the said village. For instance, the Hassan kasaba has not sufficient extent of gomal land. There is the Gaudagere forest plantation close by. It may be made available for grazing.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—The same difficulty is experienced in Mysore. Even the Kukkarhalli tank bed has been sold by auction with the result that the people of Mysore have to keep their cattle in their houses.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 137.

Free grant of lands to the poor

Mr. C. Rasool Khan, Anjumani-Islamia, Chikmagalur

Summary of discussion.—At present, it is only the rich that can own any land. The poor may be given land free, subject to the payment of annual assessment, 5 acres of dry or coffee land, or 3 acres of wet land. Lands are now put to auction and poor people have no chance of getting them.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 138.

Revenue sales.

Mr. Gundappa, Magadi Taluk

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 139.

Amildars to be empowered to remit notice fees.

Messrs. Chikka Ramanna, Byregowda, and Dodda Vembralliah, Kolar taluk; Adavappa, Chitaldrug taluk; C. Vamana Rao, Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk; Nadig Lakshmana Rao and Bhasakara Rao, Sorab taluk; Rangantha Manjarabad taluk; E. Rama Rao Venkatasamiah, Padmatna, Nanjangud taluk; Venkatasamiah, Chamrajnagar taluk; C. Naraharihah and B. Channalingappa, Nelamangala taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 140.

Amildars to make payments for maramat works.

Messrs. C. Naraharajiya and B. Channalingappa, Nelamangala taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is inordinate delay in the payment of amounts for *maramat* works executed through the revenue authorities. These works are generally undertaken by the villagers themselves for execution, many of whom are not well-to-do persons. Although the works are carried out by them satisfactorily, the delay in payment dissuades them from undertaking such works. The works executed through the agency of the Public Works Department are paid for from time to time by the Overseers and Sub-Overseers in charge of Sub-Divisions. If the Amildars, who are held responsible for the proper execution of the work, are similarly empowered to make payment from time to time after duly inspecting the execution of the works with the help of the officials of the Public